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Because of shortages of paper and printing facilities.

Never. Once a book by Nestenin was sold on the black market at a markeup of 20 rubles after the Soviet authorities had withdrawn its legal circulation. This could have been a profit-making device, as it was a Soviet book. I do not believe claims by Ukrainian nationalist movements and the fascistic NTS movement that they are circulating leaflets in the USSR. Every leaflet that did get any circulation would be read by at least ten people.

I am not acquainted with the complete picture, but I am sure there is a printing press at Army level for printing leaflets and there is a mobile radio broadcasting station 50X1 at Division level. I have not seen any loudspeaker units in peacetime.

Troops are given only limited orientation and no leaflets or radio broadcasts are use^{50X1} during maneuvers.

This is a ticklish question. On the one hand, 80% of the people feel now that the regime is hostile to their interests. They do what they have to do in order to survive and no more. Controls keep them going. If they do not meet their norms, they do not eat enough. On the other hand, widespread discontent is reflected in many ways, with serious consequences to the state. Inspectors are bribed to pass defective products. Bolts are skipped and bad parts are used in order to earn higher piecework wages. Let me illustrate the results.

a spraying machine which never worked and was allowed to rust. Products are stolen at night from storerooms after they have been accepted during the day. Next day the same products are turned in and accepted over again. People hide some of the crops in holes and ditches and return at night to collect them privately. Although the Government makes good propaganda out of slight, progressive increases in cash wages and downward shading of prices, the populace is disillusioned and does not expect the situation to get much better. The standard of living is still far below prewar standards. Controls are stricter. The wartime freeze of the worker on his job has never hifted. Remuneration is lower in real terms. A kolkhoznik received 5-6 kilograms of grain for a days work in 1936-37. Today he receives only 1-1 ½ kolograms. Prices are still high after the 1949 revaluation of the ruble. Widespread popular discontent makes its influence felt in many ways. It is a potent force.

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The West should beam its broadcasts to the Ukraine lower. It should talk in Ukrainian to the few peasants who do have short-wave radio sets.

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